

# **The Political Self and Being a Filipino**

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**GROUP 7**

# INTRODUCTION

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**Primary Question: In your opinion, what does it take to be a proud Filipino? Do you think that the Philippines is still living in the shadows of the colonizers?**

**The 1987 Philippines Constitution citizenship of Filipinos are within the Article IV Section One.**



# ABSTRACTION

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- Who are Filipino? How do we distinguish Filipino people from other nationalities? Do physical characteristics such as having dark hair, flat nose and dark complexion enough to tell a person is a Filipino.

# WHO IS FILIPINO

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- Filipino are often referenced from globally known personalities who have made Filipinos better recognized in the world.
- Independence Day and Buwan ng Wika celebrations prompt us to go back to our roots.
- According to the Philippines Constitution, Filipino citizens are those whose Father and Mother are citizens of the Philippines. Those born before January 17, 1973, of Filipino mothers are naturalized according to the law.

# KINDS OF FILIPINO CITIZENS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION

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- Those who are citizens of the Philippines at the time of the adaption of the constitution.
- Natural born citizens
- Citizens through election
- Naturalized citizens



# HOW CAN YOU BE NATURAL BORN CITIZEN?

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- According to the Philippines Nationality law, it is based on “Jus Sanguinis.”

# FILIPINO VALUES AND TRAITS

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- The Philippines is a lush island paradise famous for its grandiose mountain views, pristine beaches, rich and diverse culture changing from province to province.

# TOURISTS WHO HAVE VISITED THE PHILIPPINES CAN NEVER FORGET THE:

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- Big and bright smiles that greeted them.
- Colorful and loud jeepneys.
- Common Filipino phrases such as “MABUHAY!” and “SALAMAT!”
- Habits such as saying “PO “ at “OPO” to the elders.
- Leaving SHOES or SLIPPERS at the front door before entering a house.
- Importunate asking of “KUMAIN KA NABA?” meaning” Have you eaten yet?”.



## INDEED IT IS A MARVEL TO EXPERIENCE FIRST-HAND THESE UNIQUE TRAITS OF THE FILIPINO

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- As Filipinos, we possess the best characteristics in the world. We aren't perfect, but we do have pride in a good potential in terms of working for our human upliftment and national betterment.

# FILIPINO HOSPITALITY

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- Is the most common terminology that describes how Filipino welcome foreigners or tourists who visit the country. It is a pleasure and the country's honor to accept foreigners as visitors and build genuine relationships and friendship with them.



# RESPECT FOR ELDERS

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- Respecting elders has always been part of our identity or tradition.
- A Filipino child is taught respect older people or family by greeting them and showing a gesture by taking the older relative's hand and placing it on his or her own forehead to express profound respect for the elder called "mano po."

# CLOSE FAMILY TIES

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- Filipinos maintain a tight relationship with their families regardless of the children are old enough and already have families of their own family reunions common thing for Filipinos extended families exemplify that it's their center, while a nursing home is not practiced.
- Extended Family (Stach Philippines, 2017) are one or more bloodlines living in a house, compound, or community; they genuinely take care of each other as long as they are somewhat biologically connected even after marriage, the couple tends to stick to either of their bloodlines' homes.



# CHEERFUL PERSONALITY

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- Filipinos have been smiling and laughing a lot and this has been a coping strategy for Filipinos especially. During hardships and calamities, maintain a positive outlook in life which makes them resilient.

# SELF-SACRIFICE

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- Self-sacrificing is an extension to Filipino hospitality.
- Filipinos extend their help to their friends and loved ones.
- They even go to the extent of working abroad to earn more money and save up for them.
- Overseas Filipino Workers(OFW) sacrificed a lot that's why they are regarded as the modern day Filipino Heroes.



# BAYANIHAN

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- Is a Filipina word derived from the word bayan meaning town, nation, or community in general. It literally means, “being a bayan,” and is thus used to refer to a spirit of communal unity and cooperation.
  - It is also a Filipino core value that inspires the community to be living heroes to each other. It is not the celebration of the strengths of an individual mighty hero, but is the practice of helping a kababayan, a member of the community who is in need, and it showcases what Filipinos can do together.

# “BAHALA NA” ATTITUDE

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- One of the most commonly used phrases in the Philippines is bahala na. This phrase has been overused that it is sometimes used as a natural reaction. When Filipinos are unable to decide their next course of action or have no idea what will happen next, they commonly say “Bahala na.” They say it as if all they want to do is go with the flow, regardless of the consequence.



# COLONIAL MENTALITY

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- Colonial mentality is defined as the perception of ethnic and cultural inferiority and a form of internalized racial oppression.
- This is one of the negative traits that we are viewed as.
- It is regarded as the lack of patriotism or supporting one's own nationality.

# MANANA HABIT

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- Filipino term for procrastination
- originated from the Spanish word “mañana,” which means tomorrow
- the delay of priorities to do other activities or simply in Filipino phrase “mamaya na”
- a bad habit



# NINGAS KUGON

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- Ningas- flame
- Kugon-Cogon grass
- The attitude of eagerly staring things, but quickly losing eagerness soon after experiencing difficulty just as fast as the fire ignited.
- Laziness common problem of the Filipinos that's why they are regarded as "Juon Tomad" or "Lazy Juan."

# PRIDE

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- Is an assertion that the people and culture should promote the interest of the Philippines by developing and maintaining a national identity based on largely shared characteristics such as language, race, religion or political goals.



# CRAB MENTALITY

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- Crabs are a type of sea creature seafood that is commonly found around seashores, and Talangka is a little crab. When you put a lot of crabs/talangka in a container, you'll notice that they all want to climb to the top, with one crab dragging down the other to be in his place, and only a few of them are able to escape and survive.

# Filipino Time

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- Punctuality is a rare thing to Filipinos.
- They have this common attitude of arriving late at commitments, dinner or parties especially if they can meet someone close to them.
- Filipinos refer to being late as Filipino time
- Siesta (Valerio, 2016)



# FILIPINO MARKERS

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- Proverbs are traditional sayings or concise expression of fundamental principles used by Filipino based on local culture, wisdom, philosophies from Filipino Time.
- It correspond to the word SALAWIKAIN, KASABIHAN, or SAYING.
- It conveys lesson and reflection on Filipino practices, beliefs, and traditions.

# SUPERSTITIONS

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- Filipinos also subscribe to their own set of superstitions passed down from generation to generation. Some of these beliefs may be influenced by beliefs from other cultures, but Filipinos have retold these superstitions according to their own experiences and they sometimes end up even more interesting. Superstition that hold to ancient beliefs and traditions are still popular in todays Filipino culture.



# MYTHS AND LEGEND

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- Myths is the body of stories and epics originated from, and part of, the indigenous Philippines folk religious, which include various ethnic faiths distinct from one another. It attempts to explain the nature of the world through the lives and actions of heroes, deities (referred to as aníto or diwata in some ethnic groups), and mythological creatures.

# HEROES AND ICONS

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- Serve as a reminder of true patriotism and nationalism as they have sacrificed their lives for the shake of their country freedom and progress.
- Rizal Day (December 30) that commemorates the life and works of Dr. Jose Rizal, the National Hero of the Philippines.

# HOW TO BE A GOOD FILIPINO

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- Be aware of the current events and participate in government programs.
- Exercise your right to vote.

## STUDY THE PHILIPPINE HISTORY

The road of the Philippines history is long and bloody.

One way to be a good Filipino is to know one's personal history.  
It gives us greater understanding of our stand today.



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